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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in the present application. Claim 5 has been objected to. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 7-20 are allowed.

Claims 1-6 are canceled without prejudice by this amendment.

Objection to Claim 5

Claim 5 has been objected to. This amendment cancels Claim 5, rendering this objection moot.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. These objections are expressly not agreed with or acquiesced to. Nevertheless, in an effort to obtain timely issue of the allowed claims, Claims 1-6 are canceled by this amendment. The rejections under § 103 are, therefore, moot.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments presented, all remaining claims are indicated as allowed.

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